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25X1 1. [] Mr. Fred Flott, State Department, called to alert us that Representative Lester Wolff, a friend of Flott's who is running against Representative Seymour Halpern (their constituency has been redistricted), is trying to get headlines and plans to go into the allegations of CIA involvement in drug traffic. I told Flott to have Wolff or his Administrative Assistant call me and we would be glad to straighten him out.

Robert Owens, Administrative Assistant to Representative Wolff, called to say that Wolff was much concerned about reports of Agency involvement in the drug traffic but before raising the matter in public he would appreciate a briefing. I said I would be glad to talk to Wolff with the understanding that any discussion of the Agency role in coping with the drug traffic would have to be confidential. Owens said he was sure this would be acceptable, and I said under these conditions I would have no objections to Owens being present. He said to schedule the briefing for Thursday, 23 March 1972 at 11:30 a.m.

25X1 2. [] Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, to alert him to tomorrow's story by Jack Anderson about the Agency involvement with ITT in Chile.

25X1 3. [] Called Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee, to alert him to the Jack Anderson story, which he appreciated.

I also explained to Mr. Nedzi that the press stories about AID health and medical funds for Laos being diverted to CIA were quite misleading.



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5. [] Called Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and alerted him to the Jack Anderston story coming out tomorrow about Agency involvement with TTT in Chile. I also

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6. [] Talked to Ed Braswell regarding the Committee schedule. He said Senator Symington was pushing for a "follow up session on Laos" but he (Braswell) "wanted to keep CIA out of it."

Braswell said he didn't see how they could schedule the Director to testify on the Agency budget before the CIA Subcommittee this week.

Braswell said it was uncertain when they would have a confirmation hearing on General Walters' nomination but it was just possible they could work it out Thursday. Otherwise he said it would have to go over until after the recess (30 March to 4 April).

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7. [] At the request [] Staff, delivered a sealed envelope to the office of Cecil Presson, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff.

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8. [] Met with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, and received back from him the draft copy of the intelligence community program budget. I told Preston that the book is being updated and a later version would be furnished as soon as available. Mrs. Mowitt, OPPB, has been advised and the book returned to her.

Preston told me that the security field investigation and review by FBI has been completed on [] The Chairman does not desire any further clearances however since Preston does not expect to expose her to any compartmented information. Preston also noted that Messrs. [] work with him from time to time on compartmented material.

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9. [] Received a call from Mr. Gil LeKander, Administrative Assistant to Representative Frank T. Bow (R., Ohio),

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25X1 10. [] Received a call from Mr. Frank Slatinshek,
Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, concerning
25X1 the press items relating to the use of AID health funds to finance the
Central Intelligence Agency activities in Laos.

I met with Mr. Slatinshek later in the day and discussed the

25X1 a copy of the GAO report [] on this subject and asked that I
provide him with answers to the questions he had noted therein. []

25X1 [] FE Division, has been advised. 25X1

25X1 11. [] Talked to Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations
25X1 Committee staff, and gave him [] information he requested last
week []

25X1 12. [] Contacted Horace Pascal, Mutual of Omaha,
to relay my conversation with Dean Sharp, Assistant Counsel, Subcom-
25X1 mittee on Antitrust and Monopoly Legislation, Senate Judiciary Committee,
that the Mutual of Omaha report to the Subcommittee on the 20th did not
have to cover the GEHA program and that another program could be
substituted.

25X1 13. [] Called Dick Schultz, Associate
Chief Counsel, House Internal Security Committee, and based on the advice
of [] Office of Security, told him that the Agency makes little or
25X1 no use of the Subcommittee's indices, but Mr. Schultz would still like to
have the opportunity to discuss the matter further with an Agency Security
representative in the field of name checks, which he is also going to do
with the Civil Service Commission and the FBI. [] was advised.
(See Journal of 16 March 1972.) 25X1

25X1 14. [] Mr. Robert Hull, Department of State,
called for a reaction to a memorandum he had sent me on a recommended
position for State to take on the Office of Management and Budget's recom-
mendations concerning the funding of the Foreign Service retirement
system. (Copies of the papers in question have been sent to the General
Counsel, Director of Personnel, and Director of Finance.)

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15. [redacted] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to let us know he has given DOD a deadline of this Friday for submission of an alternative arrangement for the funding of the irregulars in Laos. Braswell also said he wanted a position from us as to whether we favored payment by DOD or State. See Memorandum for the Record.

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16. [redacted] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called about a story which appeared in the Washington Daily News. [redacted]
Murphy asked for our comments on the accuracy of this article.

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Murphy mentioned [redacted] again. He expressed a desire for any information we might give him about this case because of the JCAE's interest in the sale of gaseous defusion technology abroad and its interest in the International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA).

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17. [redacted] Received a call from Colonel Dick Wood, in the Pentagon, asking if the Director had given a briefing on the Hill last Friday. I told him he had not and this satisfied his inquiry.

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18. [redacted] Called Dale de Haan, Counsel, Senate Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees, and expressed concern about the inaccuracies about the column by Tad Szulc in the New York Times of 19 March which reported Senator Kennedy's statements about the classified GAO report on the AID health program in Laos. See Memorandum for the Record.

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